Mr. I. C. Chacko : ഫ ഫ ൈവ് ഠ ഠ രൂപ.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ക്ലൃതൽ ചെലവാക്കിയതു് എന്തി നാണു്?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : ക്ലൃതൽ ചെലവാക്കിയതു് നൂറു രൂപയേ ഉള്ളു.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : Sir, I would like to know from the Government whether any scheme was prepared by any Municipality and sanctioned by the Government under the Town Planning Act with reference to any particular area ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : No, Sir.

Rate-payers' Association.

28. ✻ **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the existence of a so-called Rate-payers' Association at Kottayam has come into their cognizance ; and

(*b*) whether they will investigate the aims and objects of the Association ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) It is reported that a Rate-payers' Association is being formed with the avowed object of working for the improvement of municipal administration.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ഇതിനെക്കുറിച്ചു് ക്ലൃതൽ അന്വേഷണം നടത്താൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : ഈ സംഘം ഒരു അനാശാസ്യപരിപാടി സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിവില്ല.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : Sir, on a point of order.

President : Order, order. This is a purely municipal matter and it is not within the purview of the Government.

Christians in the State according to the last Census.

29. ✻ **Mr. K. C. Chandy :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Christians in the State as per the last census and the one previous to it, grouped under the various denominations ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The information asked for is available in the Census Reports of 1931 and 1941.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : Sir, May I have the reference in the Census Report ?

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Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : Page 225 of the Report.'

Government Appointments.

30. * **Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Government appointments ;

(*b*) the number of recruitments through the Public Service Department, made during the years 1116, 1117, 1118 and 1119 as per the following communities :—

Hindus : (i) Nayars,
(ii) Nadars,
(iii) Ezhavas, and
(iv) Other Hindus.

Christians : (i) Latin Catholics,
(ii) Syrian Christians, and
(iii) Other Christians.

Muslims.

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : The time and labour involved in collecting the information are disproportionate to its possible utility.

Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar : May I know from the honourable member what the difficulties are in pointing out and giving the statistics asked for ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : The answer is there.

President : Order, order. Honourable members will realise that during the last seven years information on this question has been furnished from time to time. At the present moment, the Secretariat and the District Officers are busy with the various control measures and their own work which has been very greatly accentuated on account of the war conditions. Collecting these figures means getting figures from all over the State and pooling and collating them. Government think that until the present situation is over the demands for statistics in appointments should be discouraged.

Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar : Sir, May I know whether Government are having statistics for every year ?

President : No, they are not being collected and they will not be collected.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether these appointments are not being published in the Government Gazette ? Is it not possible to ascertain the information from that ?

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